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WASHINGTON STATE CONSERVATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES

VANCOUVER, WASHINGTON
JULY 20, 2006

The Washington State Conservation Commission (Commission/WSCC) met in regular session at the Red Lion Hotel on July 20, 2006 in Vancouver, Washington. Commissioner Brown called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m.

ATTENDEES

Commission Members

Lynn Brown, Chair
Jim Peters, Member
Lynn Bahrych, Member
Bob Barker, Member
Tracy Eriksen, Member
Fred Colvin, Member, WACD
Lee Faulconer, Member, AG
Melodie Selby, Member, ECY
Ed Adams, Member, WSU

Commission Staff

Mark Clark, Executive Director
Mary Anderson, Executive Assistant
Tom Salzer, Regional Manager
Debbie Becker, Administrative/Financial Manager

Partnerships & Guests

Denise Smee, Clark CD
David Nygard, Thurston CD
John Larson, WACD Executive Director
Rod Hamilton, FSA
Nora Mena, Agriculture
Ginny Prest, Agriculture
Ron Shavlik, NRCS
Sherry Penney, Underwood CD

Carletta Mahoney, Clark CD
Kim Simpson, WADE
Steve Keirn, Clark CD
David Lundgren, Lincoln CD
Sharonne O'Shea, Attorney Generals Office
Jerry Buendel, Agriculture
Joe Holtrop, Clallam CD (telephonic)

MEMBERSHIP REPORTS

Ed Adams, Commission Member representative for Washington State University Extension has been appointed as the new director of the Spokane County Extension and will not be serving on the board. A replacement will be appointed in the near future.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Barker moved to approve the May 18, 2006 Minutes and the May 26, 2006 Special Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Adams seconded.
Motion passed.

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WASHINGTON ASSOCIATION OF CONSERVATION DISTRICTS (WACD) REQUEST

Commissioner Barker moved to approve the request from WACD for \$15,000 to be used to assist in the costs for training support for the 2006 Annual Meeting. Commissioner Colvin seconded.

Motion passed.

SUPERVISOR APPOINTMENTS

Grant Conservation District

Commissioner Eriksen moved to appoint Mark Kallstrom as Supervisor to the Grant Conservation District. Commissioner Barker seconded.

Motion passed.

Franklin Conservation District

Commissioner Eriksen moved to appoint Kurt Harder and Brad Bailie as Supervisors to the Franklin Conservation District. Commissioner Barker seconded.

Motion passed.

SUPERVISOR APPOINTMENT POLICY

Commissioner Colvin moved to direct Commission staff to draft the Appointment Supervisor Policy to include the concepts and ideas contained in the proposal by the WACD District Operations Committee for approval of the Commission. Commissioner Eriksen seconded.

Motion passed.

Special thanks to Sherry Penney, Chair of the WACD District Operations Committee for a job well done in leading the Committee.

CAPACITY BUILDING GRANT

Commissioner Barker moved to accept the staff recommendation for the \$100,000 Capacity Building Grant Award funding for Fiscal Year 2007 as follows:

Central Klickitat	\$ 3,650
Clark	\$14,300
Eastern Klickitat	\$ 2,925
Ferry	\$ 8,000
Kittitas	\$10,000
Mason	\$ 8,698
Okanogan	\$ 9,125
Pacific	\$ 2,000
Pend Oreille	\$ 9,000
Pine Creek	\$ 8,700
Underwood	\$ 2,202

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Warden \$ 6,400
Whidbey Island \$15,000

Commissioner Colvin seconded.

Motion passed.

GRAYSMARSH

Commissioner Colvin moved to request Sharonne O'Shea, Assistant Attorney General, to petition to the court for the Conservation Commission to be dismissed as a party in the Graysmarsh case. Commissioner Faulconer seconded. Commissioner Selby abstained from the vote.

Motion passed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – MASON CONSERVATION DISTRICT LEGAL BUSINESS

Commissioner Brown called an Executive Session for discussion of the Mason Conservation District legal issues. The session began 10:15 a.m. and ended at 11:00 a.m. Commissioner Brown called the meeting to back to order.

ASSESSMENTS

Commissioner Colvin moved to authorize Commission staff to begin the rulemaking process for district procedures in implementing special assessments. Commissioner Barker seconded.

Motion passed.

Commissioner Selby moved for Commission staff to prepare a rulemaking plan for the rules that may be requested by the Conservation Commission. Commissioner Adams seconded.

Motion passed.

Commissioners Brown, Bahrych, and Faulconer are available to provide assistance to Mark Clark, Executive Director as the process moved forward.

LIVESTOCK DAIRY NUTRIENT PROGRAM

Commissioner Colvin moved to approve \$128,000 technical assistance funds be allocated to conservation districts on a first-come, first-serve basis. Commissioner Bahrych seconded.

Motion passed.

Commissioner Colvin moved to create a small taskforce to include the Commission, conservation districts, and partnerships in order to identify activities and areas needing assistance. Commissioner Barker seconded.

Motion passed.

Commissioners Faulconer, Colvin, and Selby will serve on the taskforce.

Livestock Cost Share Language

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1 Commissioner Colvin moved to send a proposed policy of the Livestock Cost
2 Share language to conservation districts for their comments. Commissioner
3 Selby seconded.
4 Motion passed.

6 IRRIGATION EFFICIENCIES

7 *Clallam Conservation District Request*

8 Commissioner Adams moved to accept the following recommendation for
9 the Irrigation Efficiencies Program cost sharing hold-downs proposed by the
10 Clallam Conservation District.

11 Per Contract	\$400,000
12 Per Cubic Foot per Second Saved	\$500,000
13 Per Acre Served	\$ 3,000

14 Commissioner Colvin seconded.

15 Motion passed.

17 NEXT COMMISSION MEETING

18 A work session will be held prior to the Whidbey Island Conservation District Tour on
19 September 20, 2006.

20 **September 20, 2006**

21 *Field Tour* coordinated by the Whidbey Island CD and no host Interaction Dinner.
22 **Whidbey Island, WA**

23 **September 21, 2006**

24 *Regular Commission Meeting*
25 Whidbey Island, WA

27 ADJOURNMENT

28 Commissioner Brown adjourned the meeting at 3:15 p.m.